

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Clearwater Lake and Waste Water Treatment Plant Aiken, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through September 5, 2018.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 18-6431-NRP, will affect approximately 30 acres located south of Jefferson Davis Highway, Aiken, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Aiken County Tax Map Serial Number 024-08-04-003. Breezy Hill Water and Sewer Company, Inc. (Breezy Hill), wants to acquire the property and intends to acquire the Property, make repairs to the Clearwater Lake Dam, and demolish / close the former Clearwater Finishing Industrial (WWTP), which is located on the Property.

The property adjoins the former Clearwater Finishing Plant. The past use of the adjoining property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Breezy Hill. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. DHEC will not hold Breezy Hill responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Breezy Hill will test groundwater, sediment, and surface water on the property. If significant contamination is found, Breezy Hill will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Breezy Hill did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Breezy Hill will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through September 5, 2018. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, by e-mail at stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov telephone (803) 898-0927, or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Jerry Stamps at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.